

Prelude “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts” (QUEBEC) arr. Anna Laura Page

Welcome and Announcements Rev. H. Neely Gaston, DD

August Birthdays “Happy Birthday to You” (sing “Dear Friends”) Patty and Mildred Hill

Call to Worship
Come, let us praise the Lord whose mercy never ends.
We come grateful, for God’s compassion meets us every morning.
God does not treat us as our sins deserve, but pours out steadfast love.
We worship with thankful hearts, trusting in the mercy of our God.

*Trinity Hymnal, 32 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” FAITHFULNESS

*Invocation

The Lord’s Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Trinity Hymnal, 486 “God Be Merciful to Me” (v. 1, 2, 5, 6) REDHEAD 76

Psalter Reading Psalm 86 (Trinity Hymnal, page 814-815)

Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; and the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Gloria Patri “Glory Be to the Father” [TH 734] MEINEKE
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen

Children’s Sermon

Prayer
Preparation “When I Pray” Marie Ingham
[1st Time – Choir; 2nd Time – Congregation]
**“When I pray soft and low, when I pray this I know,
God will always hear, God will always hear.”**
Silent Prayer
Prayer

Offertory “Jesus Paid It All” arr. Linda M. Waller

*Doxology“ Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” [TH 731] OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer

Scripture Hebrews 8:1-13 ESV
¹ Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, ² a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man. ³ For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. ⁴ Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. ⁵ They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, “See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain.” ⁶ But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises. ⁷ For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second. ⁸ For he finds fault with them when he says: “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, ⁹ not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. For they did not continue in my covenant, and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord. ¹⁰ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ¹¹ And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. ¹² For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.” ¹³ In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

Sermon “I Will Be Merciful”

Prayer

*Trinity Hymnal, 455 “And Can It Be That I Should Gain” (v. 1, 5) SAGINA

*Prayer

*Benediction

*Postlude “Recessional” Kevin E. Cummings

Announcements August 2, 2026

South Carolina’s Tax-Free Weekend is scheduled for August 7-9 2026. This would be a great time to pick up items for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Clothing and school supplies are eligible items.

Deacons meet August 9th. Our Session and Women's Ministry meets August 16th.

PACCC is sponsoring a Golf Ball Roll at the Chester County Jamboree Halftime August 14th at Chester High School. This supports PACCC's Scholarship Fund to award \$3,000 to Chester County High School Seniors. See Dee Gordon for tickets.

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, August 4
 - 10:00 a.m. – Leadership Committee
- Wednesday, August 5
 - 5:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday, August 8
 - 8:00-3:00 p.m. FREE SLED Concealed Weapons Class
- Sunday, August 9 (Daniel Mick)
 - 10:00 a.m. – Child/Adult Bible Study
 - 11:00 a.m.- Worship
 - Diaconate meets following worship
- Sunday, August 16
 - 10:00 a.m. – Child/Adult Bible Study
 - 11:00 a.m. - Worship
 - Session and Women’s Ministry meet following worship
- Tuesday, August 18
 - 8:00-3:00 p.m. FREE SLED Concealed Weapons Class

Please remember to check your mail box here at church on a regular basis. Forever Stamps are increasing in price on July 12th from 78 cents to 82 cents.

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

August 5 – Dee Gordon	August 17 – David Simpson
August 10 – Michelle O'Donnell	August 19 – Roger Lakatos
August 11 – Hannah Sharpe	August 19 – Allen Derrick
August 13 – Neely Gaston	August 22 – Daniel Williams
August 13 – Phyllis Lakatos	August 26 – Martha Morgan
August 14 – Gary Shepherd	August 30 – Mark Delmar
August 14 – David & Jane McCain	August 31 – Susan Howell Wilder
August 15 – Joe & Dee Gordon	August 31 – Dr. James G. Knox, III
August 16 – Kyle Agee	

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Order of Worship for the Lord's Day Sunday, August 2, 2026

Welcome in the name of Christ to all who gather for worship at Union Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. As you join us for worship, we hope that you will sense God's presence, be caught up in joyful praise, be challenged by God's Word, and leave strengthened to live for Christ in the world. If you do not have a church home in this community, we encourage you to consider uniting with us in our work and worship.

